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AUTO KILLS A HORSE

Hudson Smith's Rambler
Strikes a Horse. Horse
Shot Later

Monday morning as Hudson Smith was on his way to Marceline with a load of visitors in his Rambler car, he came up with Mr. Hardin who lives in the neighborhood of the Smith's north of Guthridge Mill and who was driving his team to a neighbors to get a machine. Mr. Hardin was walking and driving and when Mr. Smith undertook to pass him one of the horses whirled and turned sidewise in the road in time to be struck by the automobile and have its hind legs broken. The auto was knocked sidewise into a ditch by the shock but fortunately did not turn turtle, and the occupants suffered no injury beyond a shaking up and scare.

The horse was so badly crippled that it was shot to relieve it of misery, and no one feels worse over the accident than Mr. Smith.

Is it the Heat?

Two killings, probably murders, within the past fortnight is the showing for this county. Is it the heat? It is claimed by psychologists and criminologists that the heat is responsible for crime waves to a certain extent. The heat depresses the nervous systems of people and makes them irritable and combative. That this is true is apparent to almost any person who will take a good review of his own condition during the scorching torrid weather. It seems true that people are victims of lowered vitality during periods of intense heat and that they are in a much less satisfactory condition mentally than during the cool weather seems assured. Cooler weather would make all of us better citizens.

Who Can Vote

It is the opinion of the attorney general that under sections 5871 and 5873 of the revised statutes any voter who is known not to have affiliated with a party whose ticket he seeks to vote, is not entitled to vote such ticket, unless he takes the oath to support the nominees of that party. A republican or any other but a democrat who wishes to vote for any democrat on the ticket Tuesday, will be required to take the oath, if challenged, to support all the nominees on that ticket, from top to bottom, but not the national ticket. Affirmation is as good as the oath.

Election Returns at Park

Election returns will be received and bulletined from the bandstand, Tuesday evening. The telephone company will install a telephone there and will have a desk so that the messages can be properly taken and bulletined for the public. In previous years the telephone operators at the office have been bothered considerably by persons seeking the election returns and this year the service will be entirely at the phone station in the Price park. If you want to get the election "dope" right off the reel, better be at the park.

Keytesville was represented by quite a few people at the Moberly fair Thursday. Deway's car contained Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Deway, John P. Tippet, Miss Mary Coleman and Elbert Anderson. The Goll car in addition to Mrs. Goll and Will Goll, conveyed from this place Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mackay and Miss Ellen Ward.

To the Democratic Voters of the
Second Congressional
District.

Washington, D. C.,
July 20, 1914.

Conscious of my great obligations and confessing without hesitation or embarrassment my undying gratitude for the confidence you have so generously reposed in me, I present myself as a candidate for re-nomination. True, I have been nominated and elected several consecutive terms but, during each and every term given me, I have tried to serve you so faithfully and well as to merit and win your approval.

Two years ago my opponent assailed my official record and I returned to the district to defend and sustain it. By an overwhelming vote the good people upheld my record and rebuked my accuser. This time my record has not been assailed and, therefore, I have concluded to remain here in the discharge of duty, leaving my fate entirely in your hands, seeking only to influence your judgment by the by the recital of a few facts which I respectfully ask you to read and consider.

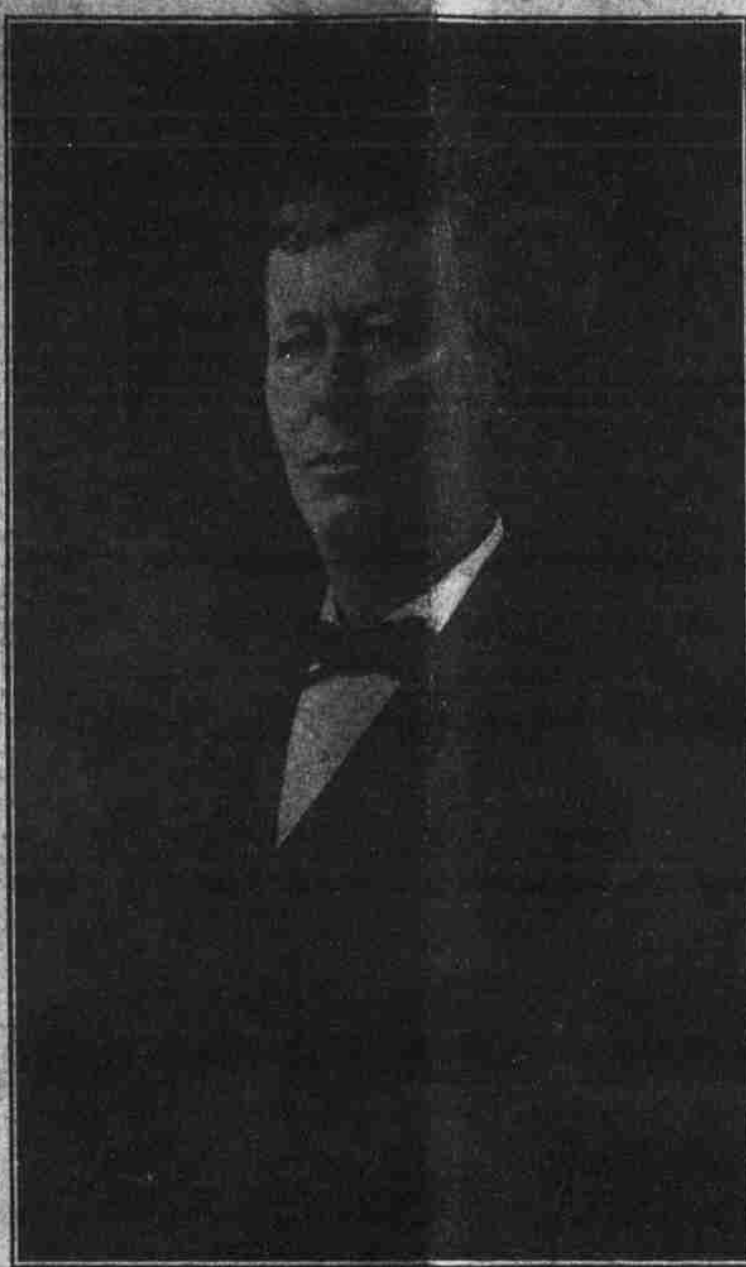
From expressions coming to me from every county in the district I am persuaded that there is no general demand or desire on the part of the people for a change. Indeed this conclusion is justified by the conduct of the few personal and political foes who, following the lead of Mr. J. H. Whitecotton, made repeated trips from county to county, making overtures to various gentlemen whom they hoped to induce to oppose me. The candidacy of Mr. Jones, a splendid citizen of Livingston County, is the result.

Any worthy citizen has a right to offer his services to the public, and some worthy citizen will always do so when the public welfare or a general demand invites him, without the urgent solicitation of one who was recently so badly defeated at the polls that in the end he dare not himself enter the contest, though he repeatedly declared himself a candidate.

Mr. Whitecotton still nurses the wrath engendered by defeat two years ago; some applicants for office became offended because I could not appoint them; I will not bow down and worship certain gentlemen who overestimate their importance and, hence, it was decreed by Mr. Whitecotton's junketing committee that I must have opposition whether it is demanded by the sentiment of the district or not. After futile efforts with a distinguished citizen of Monroe County who is a lawyer and a "politician" after failure to entice Mr. Whitecotton's law-partner in Moberly: after failing to receive a response to his own "wooing" Mr. Whitecotton sung his siren song to Mr. Jones and received a favorable reply. Thus, a handful of discontented gentlemen, each having a supposed grievance, induced opposition to me and they will now seek to arouse prejudice to secure votes for him.

How long has Mr. Whitecotton believed "the second Congressional district needs the service of a farmer in Congress?" Mr. Jones was eligible two years ago and would have gotten more votes than Mr. Whitecotton did but Mr. Whitecotton did not think the people required the service of a farmer at that time. He has not changed his mind but, from force of circumstances, has been compelled to change his tactics.

A few days ago Mr. Jones made his opening speech at Brookfield, followed by Mr. Whitecotton. They both spoke in



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terms of praise President Wilson lauded and eulogized his splendid achievements, and pronounced the laws written into the statutes during his administration of inestimable value to all the people. In heartily endorsing and commending the work of this administration, these gentlemen necessarily endorsed my record because they know, as everybody knows, that I have stood with the President and voted for every administration measure.

I have zealously advocated and supported legislation carrying an appropriation of twenty-five million dollars to be used in co-operation with the States in making and maintaining good public roads—not Cross State Highways, nor good roads to run from county-seat to county-seat only (though these are of great value), but good roads that every farmer can use and enjoy in hauling the products of his farm to his town or railway station. I believe that public money thus used in the great producing states, teeming with population, would be productive of incalculable benefits to the people, both in town and country. Money used in any public work is drawn from all the people and should, therefore, be so wisely and judiciously expended as to permit all to share the benefits. I would not tax all the people to build a single road, but would distribute the benefits to all who bear the burden. The bill we passed through the lower House of Congress, is far more comprehensive than mere Cross State Highways or county-seat to county-seat good roads, because it would extend the blessings of good roads to the farm gate of substantially every producer of food products demanded by millions of consumers and enable the farmer to haul a reasonable load at all times and under all conditions, at reduced cost. Will my opponent criticize me for voting for appropriations for good roads rather than to construct railroads in far away Alaska?

No one will deny that William J. Bryan is a close observer of men and measures, or doubt his unwavering loyalty to the people. In 1912, speaking through the Commoner, Mr. Bryan said: "Congressman W. W. Rucker, of Missouri, should enter the race for the prize if one is offered to the member making the best record for the term. He has THREE important measures to his credit. First, the election of Senators by popular vote. Second, publicity before the election as to campaign contributions. Third, publicity as to the expenses of presidential candidates before the convention. This has passed the House and is now in the Senate. These measures are of great importance—the first and second are epoch-making and the third is far-reaching in its effect. RUCKER'S RECORD IS ONE TO BE PROUD OF. WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANT!"

My record is as good in this Congress as it was in the last. Read what the President says about my record (as printed on cover of this pamphlet.) The attitude of my opponent and his active supporters is an admission that the only objection they can make to my record is to its length. That is a criticism of your judgment and not of me. Each election is for two years only.

No one accuses me of neglect of duty; nor that I have been unmindful of the personal interests of the humblest citizen of my district; nor that I have not at all times been unfaltering in my devotion to the principles of my party; nor that I have not under all circumstances been steadfast and faithful in my efforts to alleviate and improve the condition of every man who toils; nor that I have not zealously supported all progressive legislation suggested or endorsed by President Wilson.

I set my record of work and accomplishment against the mere personal ambition of my opponent Mr. Jones, and the ill-founded grievances of his active supporters, and submit the issue to the thoughtful judgment of the intelligent voters of the greatest district in Missouri. Over his signature Mr. Bryan said to you, through the Commoner for June, 1914: "The importance of electing

a Congress that will be in sympathy with President Wilson's administration cannot be overestimated. If your district is represented by a progressive Democrat who has given President Wilson hearty support, it is the duty of all progressive Democrats to re-nominate and elect him."

Being unalterably opposed to Single Tax I am heartily in favor of the adoption this fall of Constitutional amendment No. 1, known as the Anti-Single Tax amendment, because if this amendment is adopted it will protect the people from the agitation of the Single Tax issue hereafter. I shall do all in my power to secure the adoption of this amendment at the November election.

I invite the support of every Democrat who thinks my record worthy of endorsement. If re-elected I will be as true, loyal and faithful to the interests of the people of my district in the future as I have been in the past.

If it should appear that I can return to the district without neglect of duty, I will do so, otherwise I will remain here unless my record should be assailed. In that event I will return to vindicate it, as I will ask no man to endorse a record which I cannot show is absolutely untarnished by wrongs either of omission or of commission.

With a deep sense of gratitude to all who have or will repose confidence in me, I confidently submit my interests into the hands of the Democracy of the second district of Missouri.

Respectfully,
W. W. RUCKER.

Carrollton Beat Miami

In spite of the fact that Miami was strengthened by the addition of a quintet of Keytesville players, Carrollton laid them out 6 to 3 Sunday. The game was played at Carrollton and the Miami team was assisted by Jim Lee Thrash, Bud Thrash, Joe Blitz, Charlie Schell and Shannon Wayland. Jim Lee was on the mound for Miami and struck out 14 of the Carrollton men. The Carrollton boys made five runs in the second inning and the rest of the time was held down to a single run. In addition to the ball men Cleve Schell, Rector Brewer, Horace Elliott and Herbert Applegate went with the delegation.

McAdams-Thomas.

According to the Craneville correspondent of the Courier last Sunday evening at Craneville occurred the wedding of Ellis McAdams of Moberly and Miss Cora Thomas, of Craneville. The wedding ceremony was pronounced by Rev. T. J. Shearon in the presence of a larger number of relatives and friends of both the contracting parties. The groom is a mechanic and is employed at Moberly. The bride is one of the favorites of the Craneville vicinity and her presence will be missed by her friends and associates. Monday Mr. and Mrs. McAdams left for Moberly where they are residing.

Dobbins-Crandell

The wedding service for Pat Dobbins and Miss Mary Crandell both of Dean Lake was pronounced by Justice P. A. Summers at Dean Lake Monday, July 20. The bride was under age and her father gave his consent to the issuance of the license.

Salisbury Wan

Salisbury ball players were through here Sunday to and from Brunswick where they met the Brunswick ball players and defeated them by a score of 5 to 4.

PROSTRATED WITH HEAT

G. M. Hawkins Affected While
Working During Hot
Weather.

G. M. Hawkins was seriously ill this week when he was overcome by the heat while working in the sun cutting hedge, Tuesday morning. Mr. Hawkins was cutting a hedge bordering a lot south of his residence, across the street. The high hedge had shut off the south breeze, he contended, all during the summer and he finally decided to trim it himself in hopes of getting a little breeze. He worked Monday and again started to work Tuesday. He returned to his home with a chill and soon was delirious with a high temperature. He was quieted by the use of an opiate, his fever was reduced and he felt better Wednesday morning.

Merchants Have Drawing

The \$100 in cash which was given away the merchants, members of the Commercial Club, was distributed according to program Saturday afternoon about four o'clock. A girl made the selection of slips and the following persons were the fortunate ones: George Bucksath, Dalton \$25; Sam Allega, Mrs. Charles Herring, Schell Lentz and Mrs. George Dewey (2) \$10 bills; E. P. Stamper, N. C. Bruce (colored) of Dalton, George Hunkaby, Perry Harris and Carl Owens each \$5. The affair drew a big crowd, looked like a circus-day aggregation and the excitement ran pretty high for a while, subsiding as the lucky ones were announced. The fortunate ones "tipped" the girl who drew the slips.

Caught No Fish

A sextet from Keytesville went out on the Chariton for a fishing trip Tuesday night. They found the Chariton muddy and caught no fish. They remained up all night to see where the squirrels and rabbits camped and got a dozen or more of these the next morning. They were encamped at the "tin house". In the party were Jack Allega, Jack Webb, Luther and Arthur Foglesong, Jim Warsham and T. F. White.

Many Robberies

The Kansas City papers report 13 holdups, burglaries and other robberies in that city Saturday night and Sunday morning. This was not all. One robbery resulted in shooting. The affairs ran the gamut of private holdups, holding up streetcars, burglaries and tearing the plumbing of the people's houses. Everything that could be stolen fell a victim.

Work Hard On Politics

The chief business of Keytesville for the past three months has been politics. Someone has said there is nothing in politics. If this be the case then there is a large numbers of people here who are marvels of industry when there is nothing in it. If they worked as hard on a job that was more lucrative bank accounts or spending capacity would enlarge materially.

Dr. J. S. Wallace of Brunswick, candidate for the Democratic nomination for state senator from the sixth district, attended the old settlers re-union. It is confidently asserted by friends of Dr. Wallace who have met him here and at Brookfield and other Linn county points that he will carry this county by a good majority. —Linneus Bulletin, July 24. The Brookfield Argus says about the same. Linn is for Wallace.